



**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 08888.0518

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Michel Bessodes *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Application No.: 09/972,854 ) Examiner: Travis C. McIntosh III  
Filed: October 10, 2001 )  
For: ACID-SENSITIVE COMPOUNDS, )  
THEIR PREPARATION AND USES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this Request for Reconsideration. By virtue of the concurrently filed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee, this response is due by March 16, 2003, and is timely filed.